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1. CHINA

HUA MET W/NEPAL'S KING BIRENDA/QUEEN AISHWARYAHIN IN
PEKING 5/14, AS ROYAL COUPLE MADE BRIEF STOPOVER
ENROUTE TOKYO (AFP, WP 5/15).

PRITCHETT (REUTER PEKING, 5/15) REPORTS CHINESE GAVE
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ROMANIAN PRES CEAUSESCU ONE OF MOST ELABORATE WELCOMES
EVER ACCORDED FOR VISITOR 5/15. SOME 100,000 PEOPLE
ASSEMBLED IN PEKING TO CHEER/ENTERTAIN PRES, AND PRC'S
MOST SENIOR LEADERS GREETED HIM AT AIRPORT. HUA
REPORTEDLY FULL OF PRAISE FOR CEAUSESCU, WHOM CHINESE
MEDIA CALLED OLD FRIEND OF CHINA/"GLORIOUS ENVOY FROM
A HEROIC LAND."

SPECIAL UNIV FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE WISHING STUDY IN PRC WILL REOPEN IN CANTON NEXT SEPT FOR 1ST TIME SINCE GPCR BEGAN IN '66. SUN YAT-SEN UNIV PROF SAID HE EXPECTED SOME 1,000 OVERSEAS CHINESE ENROLL AT CANTON UNIV THIS FALL (MACKENZIE, REUTER CANTON 5/15).

ON RETURN FROM 18-DAY PRC VISIT, MACAO GOV LEANDRO SAID PRC/PORTUGAL NOW STEP CLOSER TO FULL DIPLO RELS, TERMING NORMALIZATION "ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME."

2. CHINA/JAPAN/KOREA

THARP (CSM TOKYO) REPORTS CHINESE HAVE LODGED PROTEST W/JAPANESE EMB PEKING TO OPPOSE JAPAN/SK CONTINENTAL SHELF JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, SCHEDULED FOR RATIFICATION DURING PRESENT DIET SESSION. IN MTG W/JAPAN'S AMB TO PEKING, SHOJI SATO, PRC VICE-FONMIN CHARGED JAPAN/KOREA PACT VIOLATED PRC SOVEREIGNTY. SATO DENIED CHARGE/EMERGED FROM MTG OPTIMISTIC THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD CONCLUDING BILAT PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

3. JAPAN

JAPANESE DEFENSE AGENCY SOURCES SAY US HAS ASKED JAPAN
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INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD MAINTAINING US FORCES THERE. INDICATE US HAS ASKED JAPAN BUILD NEW HOUSES INSIDE US BASES/OFFSET INCREASED US DEFENSE COSTS CAUSED BY WEAKENING DOLLAR AGAINST YEN. NO "OFFICIAL" REQUESTS YET MADE BY US, HOWEVER (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE FON MINISTRY ECON AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TESHIMA SAYS TARIFF CUTS WILL BE HIGH ON AGENDA WHEN STRAUSS MEETS USHIBA AGAIN 5/24 IN WASHINGTON. STATES WHILE JAPAN/US HAVE "NO AGREEMENT" ON SPECIFIC BASIS FOR CALCULATING TARIFF PROTECTION, JAPAN WILL LOWER AVERAGE TARIFF TO "SINGLE DIGIT" LEVELS AT CONCLUSION TOKYO ROUND MULTI-LAT TRADE TALKS (JOC).

HUNDREDS RIOT POLICE RAIDED FORTRESSES USED BY LEFTIST OPPONENTS NARITA AIRPORT TUES AS GOJ TIGHTENS CAMPAIGN STIFLE VIOLENT OPPOSITION TO FACILITY'S OPENING (REUTER TOKYO). MEANWHILE, GOJ REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT OPEN AIRPORT ON SCHEDULE SATURDAY. FUKUDA TOLD SPECIAL CABINET SESSION HE WAS DETERMINED GET FACILITY OPEN THIS TIME (CHAPMAN, WP TOKYO).

TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY, DURING WHICH TIME IT HAS COME TO RANK SECOND ONLY TO NY IN TERMS VOLUME OF SHARES TRADED (REUTER TOKYO 5/15).

3. PHILIPPINES

GOP HAS MOBILIZED 10,000 CIVILIAN DEFENSE FORCES IN RENEWED DRIVE AGAINST COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN CENTRAL

LUZON PLAINS. CAMPAIGN AIMED AT PREVENTING GUERRILLAS FROM REGROUPING, FOLLOWING 3 SEPARATE CLASHES W/GOVT TROOPS IN AREA (REUTER MANILA 5/15).

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EXTINCT VOLCANO IN PALAWAN ISLAND. MARCOSES VISITED TRIBE 5/15 DURING TOUR PHILIPPINES ARCHIPELAGO (REUTER MANILA).

4. AUSTRALIA

FORMER AUSSIE PM ROBT MENZIES DIED 5/15 IN MELBOURNE AT AGE 83 (WILLIAMS, REUTER MELBOURNE 5/15). IN 5/15 STATEMENT, PRES CARTER SAID MENZIES' DEATH COST US FIRM FRIEND/AUSTRALIA A GREAT LEADER (REUTER 5/15).

5. VIETNAM

DAVID TRUONG ACKNOWLEDGED MONDAY HE KNEW AT LEAST 7 DOS CABLES HE IS ACCUSED OF FUNNELING TO COMMUNIST DIPLOS IN PARIS WERE MARKED "CLASSIFIED," BUT MAINTAINED ALL CONTAINED INFO WELL KNOWN OR OPENLY DISCUSSED AT HOUSE SUBCMTE HEARING. IN 2ND DAY ON WITNESS STAND, TRUONG SAID HE SENT DOCS IN QUESTION TO VIET FRIENDS IN PARIS TO HELP THEM PUBLISH NEWSLETTER FOR VIET COMMUNITY. ASST US ATTORNEY IN LONG CROSS-EXAM SOUGHT RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT TRUONG'S MOTIVES, CITING 4-5 DOCS WHICH TRUONG ADMITTED HAD NOTHING DO W/HIS AVOWED AIM OF HELPING NORMALIZE US/SRV RELS (SEABERRY, WP; NYT).

6. VIETNAM/CAMBOIDA

HOUSE APPROVED 3.5 BIL-DOL FON AID BILL MONDAY THAT INCLUDES BAN ON DIRECT/INDIRECT US ECON AID TO SRV/CAMBODIA/UGANDA/CUBA. BAN, WHICH WOULD APPLY TO DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND THAT PROVIDED THRU UN AGENCIES, PROPOSED BY REP ASHBROOK (R-OHIO) WHO ARGUED CAMBODIA/VN HAVE NOT PROVIDED FULL ACCOUNTING MIAS (REUTER 5/15). UNCLASSIFIED

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7. CAMBODIA

NOTE FROM CAMBODIA'S FON MIN DISTRIBUTED BY CAMBODIAN EMB IN PEKING MONDAY TO DIPLOS/JOURNALISTS CRITICIZED BRITAIN FOR TAKING CAMBODIA'S HUMAN RTS RECORD BEFORE UNHRC. VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCING BRITAIN, NOTE CHARGED BRITISH NATURE HAS NOT CHANGED--THEY ARE STILL VERY SAVAGE/VERY BARBAROUS/THEIR STRENGTH NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TO OPPOSE IMMENSE FORCES OF WORLD'S PEOPLE. NOTE SAID CAMBODIA DID NOT INTERFERE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES/

BRITAIN HAD NO RIGHT INTERFERE IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NOTE SAID CAMBODIA COULD NOT SEND DEL TO UNHRC, WHICH EXAMINED HUMAN RTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES LAST YR, BECAUSE ALL ITS OFFICIALS WERE TIED UP IN CARRYING OUT TASKS OF NATL DEFENSE/CONSTRUCTION (PRITCHETT, REUTER 5/15).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

CSM'S STUART FINDS CONGRESSIONAL PROBE KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING RUNNING OUT OF STEAM. SAYS THIS IMPRESSION BACKED UP BY DEVELOPMENTS IN BOTH HOUSES, INCL: HOUSE NOT CUTTING AGRIC AID TO SK; HIRC APPROVING 800-MIL-DOL ARMS TRANSFER; SEN STEVENSON DROPPING OPPOSITION TO 732-MIL-DOL LOAN TO SK. ALSO SAYS GROWING DIPLO/SECURITY CONCERNS OVER SANCTIONS AGAINST SK FOR NON-COOPERATION IN PROBE ADDING TO DECLINE IN INTEREST, AS IS DIMINISHING POL PRESSURE IN US FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

9. AUSTRALIA

SUN EDIT EULOGIZES ROBT MENZIES/OUTLINES HIS ACCOMPLISH-
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MENTS. STATES MONDALE'S ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WK OF FORTH-COMING JOINT AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN NATL MANEUVERS WAS TRIBUTE TO MENZIES LEGACY.

10. CHINA

MORITZ (CSM HK) BELIEVES PRC/USSR HAVE SMOOTHED OVER

DISPUTE INVOLVING INTRUSION SOVIET TROOPS INTO CHINESE
TERRITORY. FINDS NET RESULT IN THIS/OVER RECENT TENSIONS
STILL APPEARS DEMONSTRATE BOTH SIDES HAVE INTEREST IN
CONTINUING BORDER TALKS. NOTES QUICK SOVIET EXPRESSION
OF REGRET FOR INCIDENT/PRC'S ACCEPTANCE OF IT. VANCE

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